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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I occassionally use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. On average, I make 6-7 cell phone calls per month. I switched to a prepaid cell phone because I was paying an average of \$1.00 in taxes for each cell phone call I made under a regular cell phone plan. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. I, and many people like me, will simply stop using cell phones if your flat fee program takes effect.

Sincerely yours,

Ihor Wowtschuk

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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